

# DEATH CLAIMS ONE OF HAMMOND'S FOREMOST MEN

**THE WEATHER**  
Fair tonight and Saturday; colder tonight with lowest temperature a few degrees below freezing; moderate to fresh westerly winds.

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## CONGRESSMAN JAMES R. MANN DIES OF DOUBLE PNEUMONIA

### END COMES JUST BEFORE MIDNIGHT

Decedent was floor leader of house for a number of years

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 1.—James R. Mann, author of the Mann "white slavery" act, a member of congress for a quarter of a century, floor leader of his party and a great worker for the Calumet region died at his home here shortly before midnight from double pneumonia. He had been in a struggle with a chill a week ago.

Although he had suffered two recent attacks, it was not until yesterday afternoon that his condition definitely developed for the worse. He had about a cough and a cold, but he suffered another attack and sank rapidly. The end was peaceful.

Mr. Mann was 56 years old. Plans for the funeral had been made tonight, but it was the urgent-attempt to get the House would be communicated to the House tomorrow to assist in their arrangements. It is understood a funeral service in Chicago planned and that Mr. Mann will be buried beside his son, who died years ago. He is survived by the widow.

**FOUGHT TILL IT**  
The veteran legislator's ardent advocate of the ship bill and word to republicans leading early in the week that though he was ready to go the captain to help in the fight.

He was urged to resign, but though the seriousness of his illness was not realized, a pair was arranged for him. He was a member of the House of Representatives from 1896 to 1928. In 1896 he received a degree of master laws from the University of Illinois at age of 20. In 1898 received a degree of law from the same university. In 1902 he was given the degree of LL.D. from the University of Illinois. He was a member of the House of Representatives from 1896 to 1928. In 1896 he received a degree of master laws from the University of Illinois at age of 20. In 1898 received a degree of law from the same university. In 1902 he was given the degree of LL.D. from the University of Illinois.

**DEFIANCE FOR SPEAKER**  
This opposition was very strong to defeat him speaker in the republican caucus elected Representative Gilke that post.

His strength was, however, that he retained control of the location of committee area. Of late years his health began to fail and his weakness was evident. He was a member of the House of Representatives from 1896 to 1928. In 1896 he received a degree of master laws from the University of Illinois at age of 20. In 1898 received a degree of law from the same university. In 1902 he was given the degree of LL.D. from the University of Illinois.

**DR. TOBIAS TONIT**  
Dr. J. J. Tobias, dean of the Chicago Law School, who the pupil of Rabbi Julius, reported at the Sibley Street house this evening, December 1st, at 10 o'clock. The Chancellor of Tobias is not a stranger to Hammond people, having spoken here. Quite a number of graduates of his school.

### WAS FRIEND OF THE CALUMET REGION



James R. Mann.

### ARTER SUCCUMBED TO HEART ATTACK

Friends Scout Mystery in Connection With His Death.

Lloyd Arter's friends insist he died in a Vicksburg, Miss. hotel following a heart attack. They scout anything mystifying in connection with the death of the former Gary and Lake county labor leader, who passed away suddenly in his hotel room last Sunday. They say further that the investigation made at the coroner's inquest resulted in a finding that "deceased came to his death through heart failure."

The body was to arrive in Hammond this afternoon. It was to be removed to Burns undertaking rooms. The funeral will be held from the residence of Mr. Arter's sister, Mrs. W. J. Martin, 491 Hoffman street. "Chub" Arter was well known among mechanics of the district. He was for a time president of the Gary International Order of Machinists. He is survived by his wife, two brothers, John and Fred, of Corvallis, Wis.; sister, Mrs. Arter, Mrs. Gus Mathias, Indiana Harbor, Mrs. B. M. Jones, 521 Hoffman street, Hammond, Mrs. W. J. Overton, of Gary, Mrs. Harold Keefe, Gary, and Mrs. William Quinn, 175 Wilcox avenue, Hammond, and Mrs. Arthur Franklin, Whiting, his father, Michael Arter and mother Mrs. John Martin of Chicago.

### CONTINUE ALLEGED CASE OF KIDNAPPING

Playing hide and seek isn't so much fun when you have to play it with the sheriff. Nine year old Marv Parker will tell the world that. For Marv is seeing a goodly portion of the old world right now as she sits hither and yon with her mother, Mrs. Rebecca Parker, sought by deputy sheriffs who want to serve her with a citation to appear in the court of Judge Greenwald at Gary, Mrs. Parker doesn't want to appear before Judge Greenwald—not at this time anyway, her attorney George Eder will explain. The citation to appear is preliminary to procedure begun by her husband to regain possession of Marv's daughter of the divorced couple.

Mr. Eder is confident the husband hasn't a leg to stand on. "He's twice tried now to take Marv away from her mother. Each time he lost. And his chance isn't any better now than it ever was," says Mr. Eder. The case in city court against Mrs. Parker, charged with kidnapping her own child, has been continued for a month, by agreement of attorneys representing both defendant and the plaintiff. The husband swore out the warrant for Mrs. Parker's arrest after the two fought savagely in the street one night recently for possession of the child, whom the husband tried to take from the mother on the strength of legal documents issued by Judge Greenwald. Eder says the court's action in awarding the daughter to the father was made on misrepresentation of Mr. Parker and his attorney, Ex-Judge Green, of Whiting.

Now Parker has enlisted the aid of the sheriff's office in finding and retrieving his daughter. It's a merry chase, but kids, don't envy Marv, because it's no fun playing hide and seek with Albert Morris.

### TAKING MONEY FROM CHINAMAN

Charlie Wing, Chinese laundryman at 653 Calumet avenue, did some tall winging this morning at ten o'clock when he gave chase to a sneak thief who stole \$12 from Charlie's bill while the chinaman was in the rear of his laundry. Wing summoned police who have secured the east side of the city, for trace of the thief. It is believed he slipped a passing freight and escaped.

### TEMPLARS ATTENTION!

Members of Hammond Commandery No. 11, K. T., are ordered to attend a special convocation to be held at the asylum Saturday afternoon, December 2nd, at 2:00 o'clock, to attend and conduct funeral services for our late Frater, Eminent Sir Willis R. Ford.

Members will report in full uniform. Everyone who can furnish a car is requested to bring the same to the Temple. Services at the Temple at 3:00 o'clock open to the public. Interment at Oak Hill. W. M. E. STARTSMAN, Eminent Commander.

### NO COMMISSION CAN DECIDE THIS

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE) WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—One man can get drunk on a glass of 12-75 beer while another man may carry a lot of them. Wayne B. Wheeler decided today in announcing that the Anti-Saloon League would vigorously oppose any move in congress for the establishment of a "scientific commission" to determine what is and what is not intoxicating liquor.

No scientific commission can determine accurately what is intoxicating liquor for 100,000,000 people," Wheeler said. Alcoholic liquors affect people differently, according to age, temperament, tolerance to use, and many other conditions.

### FOUR LAKE COUNTY MEN AFTER PLUMS

Messrs. Harris, Day, Ahlgren and Nedji Seek Honor in Legislature

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 1.—The contests for Speaker of the next house of representatives of the general assembly, and for president pro tem of the senate, came to the front today with the announcement of William R. Phillips, representative from Fayette and Franklin counties, that he is a candidate for Speaker, and the presence in Indianapolis of J. Glenn Harris and James I. Day, Lake county representatives, who are seeking the same place.

Other Lake county residents who accompanied Mr. Harris and Senator Will Brown, of Hebron, said encouraging reports have been received on the candidacy of Senator James J. Nedji of Whiting, for president pro tem of the senate. Among other candidates are Senator Harold C. Orman, of Evansville; Senator Clem J. Richards, of Terre Haute; and Winfield Miller, of Indianapolis. Senator Nedji, however, is the only member of the upper house who is making an active campaign for the governor.

Mr. Harris, accompanied by W. P. Gilson, superintendent of the United States Steel corporation plant at Gary, called on Governor McCray. Whether the speakership was discussed could not be learned. It is understood, however, the primary purpose of the conference was to ascertain the Governor's attitude on the proposal to establish a dune park along the Lake Michigan front in Indiana.

The Gary men are especially anxious to have a state park created along eight miles of the lake front, most of which is in Porter county to the east of Gary. Porter county residents are said to favor a smaller tract, inasmuch as the land Steel corporation has bought 800 acres of Porter county water front for a new steel plant site.

Mr. Day, who lives in East Chicago arrived in Indianapolis Monday, ostensibly to the interests of his candidacy for Speaker. He remained over night, but was not called on the Statehouse when Mr. Harris called on the Governor.

Three Lake county representatives Mr. Harris, Mr. Day and Oscar A. Ahlgren, of Whiting are candidates for the speakership. Lake county representatives and senators explain the fact that they have three candidates for Speaker and one candidate for president pro tem of the senate, with the statement that Lake county is not seeking any special legislation at the hands of the next assembly. They assert they are desirous of having an appropriation for the acquisition of the dune park, but that the question will not be pressed.

### ELKS MAKE IT REAL TURKEY DAY

Fifty Hammond families that had not hoped for more than ordinary fare (and might little of that), for Thanksgiving Day were made happy Wednesday night when twenty-seven baskets were distributed by the Elks and the remainder by "good will" workers in co-operation with Miss Mary Moran, city nurse, and other local relief agencies.

The Elks baskets contained chicken, potatoes, cranberries, butter, coffee and bread. Others were filled with like edibles. Distribution of Thanksgiving good cheer is an annual Elk event. The Welfare committee this year under whose direction the allotment was made, comprised Karl Griffin, Joe Mehan, J. J. Brehm and C. B. Zinkham, chairman.

### LEADING HAMMOND MAN CALLED YESTERDAY



Willis R. Ford.

### DEATH TRAILS CHICAGO GUNMEN THIS MORNING

(INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE) CHICAGO, Dec. 1.—Gunmen invaded the Walters' Club in the downtown district early today and without warning opened fire, killing Frank J. Ragen, manager of the club and former president of the Walters' Union No. 7, and shooting Police Sergeant Archie Cooper into the heart.

There were at least fifteen gunmen in the party. About forty men were in the rooms when the gunmen entered. Ragen, fearing trouble, had asked that policemen be assigned to protect the club.

At 7 o'clock this morning twenty men were under arrest in connection with the killing. Witnesses told the police the armed gunmen "marched into the place in regular battle formation." More than fifty shots were fired. The interior of the club was in wild disorder when the smoke cleared.

### LATEST BULLETINS!

(BULLETIN) (INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE) WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—A national tribute such as has seldom been accorded a member of congress will be paid tomorrow to Representative James R. Mann, veteran Illinois member of the house, who died at his home here last night after a quarter of a century of service in congress.

Plans made today call for an official funeral, the services to be held in the hall of the house of representatives at 2 P. M. tomorrow, attended by the president, members of the cabinet, and the Supreme court of the United States.

(BULLETIN) (INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE) WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—Nine men were injured today while fighting to prevent a fire in the University of Montreal from reaching tanks containing 500 gallons of alcohol. This was the second fire of the university within a month. Damage is estimated at \$250,000.

(BULLETIN) (INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE) WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—A board of naval officers convened here today to begin an investigation into the alleged "disastrous conduct" of scores of midshipmen at Philadelphia on Nov. 25 following the annual Army-Navy football game.

(BULLETIN) (INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE) WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—A container covering a base a mile square and one-half a mile high would be required to hold the manufactured gas produced in New York city in a year.

(BULLETIN) (INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE) PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 1.—John Wanamaker, merchant and philanthropist, who has been seriously ill at his home here, was this morning reported in more condition. The patient has been troubled with severe and exhausting fits of coughing.

The following bulletin was issued by physicians in attendance early today: "With the continued loss of strength and vitality, Mr. Wanamaker passed a comfortable night. "Harvey Shoemaker, "Alfred E. Stengel, "William E. Quicksall."

## W. R. FORD'S END COMES THURSDAY

Popular Man Prominent in G.O.P. Politics and Masonic Circles

The symbols and drums of Orak shrine are still, the rollicking songs of Kiwanis cease. The plumed knights of the Masonic Commandery stand solemnly at the bier of a departed brother.

Willis R. Ford is dead and a city is in mourning.

Not of wealth or power, great deeds or accomplishments do they talk but of a man in the common walk of life who was a patriot, a Christian, a citizen and a neighbor.

**DIES IN HOSPITAL**  
He died while sleeping at St. Margaret's hospital at 8:30 o'clock yesterday morning surrounded by his family. It was Thanksgiving morning and the city was gay and festive but the word of his death brought sorrow into countless homes.

In the heart of every man who knew him there was a feeling of personal loss mingled with the true realization of the worth of the man.

News of his death plunged many into mourning. The hearts of the members of the Kiwanis club were heavy. The republican party mourns. Over on the east side of town the members of the East Side Improvement association felt the blow. Directors of the Chamber of Commerce who could buy and sell him financially a hundred times felt in their hearts that perhaps the city could have more easily spared from their organization a man of more wealth and power.

**A STERLING CHARACTER**  
They realized that Willis Ford because of his sterling character, unselfishness, sincere civic pride and devotion to the Chamber of Commerce was one of the most valuable members.

**MOURNED BY ALL**  
Rich and poor alike are grieving today. Mayor Brown could think of little else. "He was the kind of a man I like," was the way the man on the street put it.

He was a man without an enemy and it is doubtful whether there was a man in the city with a greater number of friends. In whatever organization he worked, the East Side Improvement association, the Kiwanis club, the Chamber of Commerce, the Republican party or Masonry, it was always the same. He was enthusiastic, earnest and devoted.

**IN FAILING HEALTH**  
While the death of Mr. Ford was a great shock to the public at large it was not altogether unexpected to relatives and close friends. He had been in failing health for some time and became ill at a Kiwanis club luncheon two weeks ago. He was removed to St. Margaret's hospital on Wednesday from his home in 1224 Forest avenue. The illness was apoplexy.

**BORN IN MICHIGAN**  
Willis Ford was born, July 5, 1874, in Muskegon, Mich. His father, Edwin Ford, was in the grocery business and after graduating from the West Michigan school of law in his father's store. On the tenth of May, 1902, Willis Ford and Lottie Manning were married in Muskegon and came to Chicago where Mr. Ford conducted a grocery in Hyde Park until 1902 when he took up his residence in Hammond, engaged in the wholesale butter and egg business. He was successful in business and while not a wealthy man was in comfortable circumstances.

Mr. Ford is survived by Mrs. Ford; their three children, Mrs. J. A. Armstrong, Mrs. Joseph N. Bauer and Edwin R. Ford, a sister, May I. Ford of Muskegon.

**MENTIONED FOR MAYORALTY**  
For nearly twenty years he was a precinct committeeman for the Republican party in Hammond, and at one time was talked of for mayor. He was the moving spirit of the Citizens' party which elected Dan Brown, mayor, and much of the success of that political movement can be credited to Mr. Ford's personal popularity. He was one of the organizers and president of the East Side Improvement association and played no small part in putting through the improvements on Calumet avenue, such as the widening and paving of the street.

**HIGH IN MASONRY**  
In the Masonic order he was past grand master of the Garfield lodge, past high priest of the Royal Arch Masons, past master of the R. & S. Masons, past commander of the Knights Templar, and at the time of his death assistant Rabban of Oak Ridge Lodge. He was a member of the Scotch Rite at Fort Wayne and the Eastern Star.

He was active both in the Chamber of Commerce and the Kiwanis club. It was on his suggestion that the symbols and drums of Orak shrine are still, the rollicking songs of Kiwanis cease. The plumed knights of the Masonic Commandery stand solemnly at the bier of a departed brother.

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If snakes did not eat their skins they would not grow.